

St. Mary  
Magdalene  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## St. Mary Magdalene E-News January 19, 2018

### A Note From Father Donald Staib

We read from the Old Testament Book of Jonah only 3 times every 2 years. Today is one of those days and we pick up the reading in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter.

On Tuesday evening some members of our parish went to the Bishop's Annual Appeal kick-off dinner. Some details are below. As has been our practice for several years, we will pass the BAA Pledge Form before Offertory. You can put the completed form in today's collection or bring it back next week.

Perhaps you enjoyed the snow on Wednesday. It does create issues for us for daily 8:15 Mass. From now on we will post on the front page of the parish web site whether or not there will be Mass. We will try to get the info up early in the evening before.

**ABOUT BAPTISMS:** Ash Wednesday is February 14. We do not have baptisms during Lent, so the next opportunities will be after Easter. I do have baptisms at the Easter Sunday Masses.

**CONFESSIONS:** There will be Confessions on Saturday January 20 at 10:30, after Baptisms. No Confessions on Saturday January 27. Confessions again on Saturday February 3 at 10:30. We will publish shortly the list of Penance Services during Lent at various area parishes.

During this season of flu and colds - use good judgment about using the Communion cup or giving the handshake of peace.

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## Bishop's Annual Appeal

The kickoff dinner for our Deanery was last Tuesday. I will begin to promote the BAA this weekend at church. Our parish has always made its goal and I hope we soon accomplish our goal this year.

The goal is \$191,507. We will pass pledge forms around at the beginning of the sermon. You can fill them in today and place them in the basket or bring them back next weekend.

Using time-tested parish formulas we can make our goal easily if every parish family considers a gift of \$187, payable over six months. Larger gifts are most welcome.

Our Bishop, for his first BAA, noted that he considers the 2 most significant items in the BAA are support for Catholic Charities and for support of our seminarians.

## Now That The New Church Is Completed!

We have the obligation to make large monthly payments for 15 years - and we are challenged to respond to new parish endeavors brought about by our new building. We are grateful for those who are completing their pledges and for new gifts that are given in the monthly 'white' envelope.

### **DONATE NOW To OUR NEW CHURCH**

(Click on the above link to Donate)

## Pictures of the Week

Jonah in the Snow!



## Columbarium



As reported previously, the columbarium construction is now complete. All 552 stainless steel niches are in place. A total of 80 niche reservations/contracts have been completed. The vast majority of the reservations have been "doubles." There have been eight inurnments services held. Approx. 30 parishioners have taken advantage of the preferred urn program that has been extended to December, 2018. If interested please take advantage of this discounted offer on the preferred urn. After each Mass this weekend, Jan 20-21, the Columbarium Committee will hold information sessions, including a listing by wall of current niche reservations, information on the reservation process, and answering any questions that you may have. Please visit [www.StMM.church/welcome/columbarium.cfm](http://www.StMM.church/welcome/columbarium.cfm) for guidelines, Q & A, and completing reservation. Communication with the Columbarium Committee: [columbarium@stmm.net](mailto:columbarium@stmm.net)

## 'Souper' Bowl of Caring



The Nationwide SOUPER BOWL OF CARING "tackle hunger" event will take place at StMM at all Masses on Super Bowl weekend, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. More than \$90 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. The time around Super Bowl weekend has been transformed into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving. **Please be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. We are collecting CANS OF SOUP and DOLLAR DONATIONS before and after all Masses on Super Bowl weekend.** Proceeds will benefit Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO) food pantry and Western Wake Crisis Ministry (WWCM) food pantry.

## Safe Environment Training



**Safe Environment Training** - Adults who wish to volunteer with youth at StMM are required to fill out a volunteer application and attend Safe Environment Training. Our next sessions are Sun, Feb. 4th at Noon & Thurs, March 8th at 6:30pm. The session will last approx. 2 hours and is for adults only as the presentation is not appropriate for children. **Must register to attend.** Email Bertha Smith [bsmith@stmm.net](mailto:bsmith@stmm.net) to register and for meeting room.

## Scout Sunday



**Scout Sunday - February 4<sup>th</sup>.** The KofC are sponsoring an event to recognize and celebrate our parish's Scouts (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and their leaders) at the **9am Mass on Sun, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>.** At the conclusion of the Mass, the Knights will provide refreshments for the Scouts and their families in the cafeteria. There will be a special handout at the Mass listing the Scouts participating in the event. To be included in the handout, please provide the following information to [stmm.scoutsunday@gmail.com](mailto:stmm.scoutsunday@gmail.com) by **Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>:** name, unit type, unit number, rank or position and any religious award/emblem received in the past year. Scouts are asked to attend the event in uniform. Information submissions should receive a confirmation of receipt email within 48 hours. If not, please contact Ben Ryan at 919-924-4888.

## Sweetheart Bingo Night



StMM Women's Fellowship invites you to **Sweetheart Bingo Night** Fri, Feb. 9th from 7-8:30pm in St. Martha's Dining Hall in the Activity Building. Bring your sweethearts, family, and friends for a social evening of games and fun- \$5 buys a set of cards to play all 8 games! There will be great prizes for children and adults, a 50/50 Raffle, and snacks available at our concession table. Proceeds benefit StMM Building Fund. Questions- contact Grace at [GDanuck@gmail.com](mailto:GDanuck@gmail.com).

## Welcome Dinner



A **Soup and Salad Welcome Meal** for new members of the parish will be held Sat, Feb 10th in the St Martha Hall in the Activity Building immediately after the 5pm Mass. We encourage representatives of St Mary Magdalene ministries and programs to attend and to introduce themselves. We also need volunteers to help with meal preparation and setup. If you would like to attend the dinner or volunteer to help, please call Christine Agius at 919-303-5803.

## Sweetheart Dance



Attention all girls ages **Pre-K-8th grade**, you are cordially invited to attend **The Sweetheart Dance on Sat, Feb. 10th from 7-9pm** in the Activity Building Gym. There will be a DJ, Photo booth, Raffle, and more. Light appetizers, cookies, and drinks will be served in addition to an Ice Cream Sundae Bar. Girls may be escorted by Dad, Grandpa, Uncle, or other adult. Tickets are available in advance for \$15 per family, or \$20 per family at the door. For more info email Lisa or Leanne at [stmmsweetheartdance@gmail.com](mailto:stmmsweetheartdance@gmail.com).

[Click here for Flyer](#)

## Do You Love Music, Sound Systems & Technology?



StMM Music Ministry is looking for someone to assist with the sound system during all Masses including the Youth Mass! We would like to have someone start training as soon as possible. This training will happen during the traditional Mass times with one of our sound technicians. This opportunity is open to High School students and up! If you are interested in training for this, please contact [stmmsoundministry@gmail.com](mailto:stmmsoundministry@gmail.com)

## 'Knight's Corner'



Come enjoy breakfast with friends and family, expertly prepared by the Knights. Our next breakfast will be this Sunday, February 11th following the 9am & 10:45am Masses in the Activity Building. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under. Meal includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, choice of bacon, ham or sausage, along with coffee, milk and orange juice. All proceeds to benefit the new church.



**Become a Knight!** Faith, Family and Fraternity...These words make up the foundation upon which the Knights of Columbus stands. The efforts of our local Council 7186

support the St. Mary Magdalene community as well as communities around the world. Males who are 18 years of age or older and who are practicing Catholics are eligible to join. For information about this sponsored organization, please visit [www.kofc7186.org](http://www.kofc7186.org) or contact Michael Erpenbach at [mike@erpenbach.com](mailto:mike@erpenbach.com).

## Parish Athletics



**Spring Soccer (Apex-Cary) - Grades:** Coed, PreK (3 year olds) to 8<sup>th</sup> - **Dates:** March to May; **Practice Locations:** choose between Apex & Cary. **Game Locations:** Apex & Cary. **Cost:** PreK \$60; K thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade - \$65; includes medal, shirt and picnic. **Note:** PreK players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays; Kdg thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade have one weekday practice and a game on Saturdays.

**Spring T-Ball and Machine Pitch Baseball - Grades:** Coed, PreK (4 year olds) thru 4<sup>th</sup> **Dates:** April to June; **Practice Locations:** choose between Apex & Cary; **Game Locations:** Apex only; **Cost:** \$65; includes medal, shirt, and picnic; **Note:** PreK players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays; Kindergartners thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade have one weekday practice and a game on Saturdays

**Lacrosse (Softcrosse) - Grades:** Coed; K thru 5<sup>th</sup> **Dates:** March thru May; **Practice/Game locations:** Apex only; **Cost:** \$65; includes medal, shirt, and picnic; **Note:** All meetings will be on Sunday afternoons and will combine a practice with a game or scrimmage. We will need volunteer coaches for all age groups! **Required Equipment:** Stick, mouth guard, cleats or sneakers

[REGISTER](#) here for any of the Parish Athletics spring sports!

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